

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (*Currently Amended*) A fishing line spool comprising:  
a hollow core having a cylindrical shape;  
a pair of flanges formed on opposite ends of the hollow core; and  
a pair of door members provided on outer peripheries of the flanges and working in cooperation with the hollow core and the flanges to define a fishing line housing, wherein,

the door members are provided on the outer peripheries of the flanges in such a fashion that a rear end of each of the door members is connected rotatably on the outer periphery so that the door members change postures from a closed posture in which tips of the door members are brought into contact to each other and an open posture in which the lips depart from each other

each of the door members formed from an elastic disc, and  
the door members are so curved as to project in a radially outward direction of the flange so that the tips of the doors are pressed against each other at a certain pressure when the doors are in the closed posture, also when the doors are in the open posture the doors are biased to the open posture is maintained as a result of the curvature.

2. (*Canceled*)

3. (*Canceled*)

4. (*Original*) The fishing line spool according to claim 1, wherein  
a pinching plate is provided on each of the tips of the door members so that a fishing line is pinched by the pinching plates.

5. (*Original*) The fishing line spool according to claim 1, wherein  
the hollow core, the flanges, and the door members are formed integrally from a resin.

6. *(Original)* The fishing line spool according to claim 3, wherein the resin is a biodegradable resin.